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mar-shal-ling 1 : to arrange in order, rank, or position 2 : to bring together 3 : to lead with ceremony : USHER

marsh gas *n* : METHANE

marsh-mal-low \märsh-,me-lō, -,ma-\\ *n* : a light spongy confection made from corn syrup, sugar, albumen, and gelatin

marsh marigold *n* : a swamp herb related to the buttercups that has bright yellow flowers

mar-su-pi-al \mär'-sü-pē-əl\\ *n* : any of an order of primitive mammals (as opossums, kangaroos, or wombats) that bear very immature young which are nourished in a pouch on the abdomen of the female — marsupial *adj*

mart \märt\\ *n* : MARKET

mar-ten \mär-tən\\ *n*, *pl* marten or martens : a slender mammal that is larger than the related weasels and has soft gray or brown fur; *also* : this fur

mar-tial \mär'-shəl\\ *adj* [L *martialis* of Mars, fr. *Mart-*, Mars Mars, Roman god of war] 1 : of, relating to, or suited for war or a warrior <~ music> 2 : of or relating to an army or military life 3 : WARLIKE

mar-tial law *n* 1 : the law applied in occupied territory by the occupying military forces 2 : the established law of a country administered by military forces in an emergency when civilian law enforcement agencies are unable to maintain public order and safety

mar-tian \mär'-shən\\ *adj*, often *cap* : of or relating to the planet Mars or its hypothetical inhabitants — martian *n*, often *cap*

mar-tin \mär-tən\\ *n* : any of several swallows and esp. one of No. America with purplish blue plumage

mar-ti-net \mär-tə-'net\\ *n* : a strict disciplinarian

mar-tin-gale \mär-tən-ə-gäl\\ *n* : a strap connecting a horse's girth to the bit or reins so as to hold down its head

mar-ti-nif \mär-tə-nēf\\ *n* : a cocktail made of gin or vodka and dry vermouth

mar-tyr \mär-tär\\ *n* [ME, fr. LL, fr. Gk *martyr*, *marty*s witness] 1 : a person who dies rather than renounce a religion; *also* : a person who makes a great sacrifice for the sake of principle 2 : a great or constant sufferer

2martyr *vb* 1 : to put to death for adhering to a belief 2 : TORTURE

mar-tyr-dom \mär-tər-dəm\\ *n* 1 : the suffering and death of a martyr 2 : TORTURE

1mar-vel \mär'-vəl\\ *n* 1 : one that causes wonder or astonishment 2 : intense surprise or interest

2marvel *vb* mar-veled or mar-veled; mar-veled-ing or mar-vel-ing : to feel surprise, wonder, or amazed curiosity <~ed at the circus act>

mar-vel-ous or mar-vil-ous \mär'-və-ləs\\ *adj* 1 : causing wonder 2 : of the highest kind or quality — mar-vil-ous-ly *adv* — mar-vil-ous-ness *n*

Marx-ism \märks-,si-zəm\\ *n* : the political, economic, and social principles and policies advocated by Karl Marx — Marx-ist \-sist\\ *n* or *adj*

mar-zipan \märt-sä-pän, -pan; 'mär-zä-pän\\ *n* [G, fr. It *marzapane*] : a confection of almond paste, sugar, and egg whites

masc *abbr* masculine

mas-cara \ma'-sker-ə\\ *n* : a cosmetic esp. for darkening the eyelashes

mas-car-po-ne \mas-kär-pō-nāl\\ *n* : an Italian cream cheese

mas-cot \mas-kät, -köt\\ *n* [F *mascotte*, fr. Occitan *mascota*, fr. *masco* witch, fr. ML *mascu*] : a person, animal, or object adopted usu. by a group to bring good luck

mas-cu-line \mas-kü-lən\\ *adj* 1 : MALE; *also* : MANLY 2 : of, relating to, or constituting the gender that includes most words or grammatical forms referring to males — mas-cu-lin-i-ty \mas-kü-'li-nētē\\ *n*

masculine *n* : a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the masculine gender; *also* : the masculine gender

'mash \mash\\ *n* 1 : a mixture of ground feeds for livestock 2 : crushed malt or grain steeped in hot water to make wort 3 : a soft pulpy mass

2mash *vb* 1 : to reduce to a soft pulpy state 2 : CRUSH, SMASH <~ a finger> — mash-er *n*

MASH *abbr* mobile army surgical hospital

1mask \mask\\ *n* 1 : a cover for the face usu. for disguise or protection 2 : MASQUE 3 : a figure of a head worn on

the stage in antiquity 4 : a copy of a face made by means of a mold <death ~> 5 : something that conceals or disguises 6 : the face of an animal

2mask *vb* 1 : to conceal from view : DISGUISE 2 : to cover for protection

mask-er \mas-kär\\ *n* : a participant in a masquerade

mas-och-ism \ma-sö-,ki-zəm, 'ma-zə-\\ *n* 1 : a sexual perversion characterized by pleasure in being subjected to pain or humiliation 2 : pleasure in being abused or dominated — mas-och-ist \-kist\\ *n* — mas-och-is-tic \ma-sö-'kis-tik, 'ma-zə-\\ *adj*

ma-son \mä-sōn\\ *n* 1 : a skilled worker who builds with stone, brick, or concrete 2 *cap* : FREEMASON

Ma-son-ic \ma-'sä-nik\\ *adj* : of or relating to Freemasons or Freemasonry

ma-son-ry \mä-sōn-rē\\ *n*, *pl* -ries 1 : something constructed of materials used by masons 2 : the art, trade, or work of a mason 3 *cap* : FREEMASONRY

masque \mask\\ *n* 1 : MASQUERADE 2 : a short allegorical dramatic performance (as of the 17th century)

1mas-quer-ade \mas-ke-'rād\\ *n* 1 : a social gathering of persons wearing masks; *also* : a costume for wear at such a gathering 2 : DISGUISE

2masquerade *vb* -ad-ed; -ad-ing 1 : to disguise oneself : POSE 2 : to take part in a masquerade — mas-quer-ad-er *n*

1mass \mas\\ *n* 1 *cap* : a sequence of prayers and ceremonies forming the eucharistic service of the Roman Catholic Church 2 *often cap* : a celebration of the Eucharist 3 : a musical setting for parts of the Mass

2mass *n* 1 : a quantity or aggregate of matter usu. of considerable size 2 : EXPANSE, BULK; *also* : MASSIVENESS 3 : the principal part 4 : AGGREGATE, WHOLE 5 : the quantity of matter that a body possesses as measured by its inertia 6 : a large quantity, amount, or number 7 : the great body of people — usu. used in pl. — massy *adj*

3mass *vb* : to form or collect into a mass

Mass *abbr* Massachusetts

mas-sa-cré \ma-si-kär\\ *n* 1 : the killing of many persons under cruel or atrocious circumstances 2 : a wholesale slaughter — massacre *vb*

1mas-sage \mä-'säzh, -säj\\ *n* : manipulation of tissues (as by rubbing and kneading) for therapeutic purposes

2massage *vb* mas-saged; mas-sag-ing 1 : to subject to massage 2 : to treat flatteringly; *also* : MANIPULATE, DOCTOR <~ data>

mas-seur \ma-'sür, -süz\\ *n* : a man who practices massage

mas-seuse \'-sürz, -süz\\ *n* : a woman who practices massage

mas-sif \ma-'sif\\ *n* : a principal mountain mass

mas-sive \ma-siv\\ *adj* 1 : forming or consisting of a large mass 2 : large in structure, scope, or degree — mas-sive-ly *adv* — mas-sive-ness *n*

mass-less \mas-ləs\\ *adj* : having no mass <~ particles>

mass medium *n*, *pl* mass media : a medium of communication (as the newspapers or television) that is designed to reach the mass of the people

mass-pro-duce \mas-prä-'düs, -dyüs\\ *vb* : to produce in quantity usu. by machinery — mass production *n*

1mast \mast\\ *n* 1 : a long pole or spar rising from the keel or deck of a ship and supporting the yards, booms, and rigging 2 : a slender vertical structure — mast-ed \mas-tēd\\ *adj*

2mast *n* : nuts (as acorns) accumulated on the forest floor and often serving as food for animals (as hogs)

mas-tec-to-my \ma-'stek-tō-mē\\ *n*, *pl* -mies : surgical removal of the breast

1mas-ter \mas-tər\\ *n* 1 : a male teacher; *also* : a person holding an academic degree higher than a bachelor's but lower than a doctor's 2 : one highly skilled (as in an art or profession) 3 : one having authority or control 4 : VICTOR, SUPERIOR 5 : the commander of a merchant ship 6 : a youth or boy too young to be called master — used as a title 7 : an original from which copies are made

2master *vb* 1 : to become master of : OVERCOME 2 : to become skilled or proficient in 3 : to produce a master recording of (as a musical performance)

master chief petty officer *n* : a petty officer of the highest rank in the navy

mas-ter-ful \mas-tər-fəl\\ *adj* 1 : inclined and usu. com-